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Labour

Provision of employment to coolies returning from Malaya.

* 692 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps the Government have taken to provide employment for coolies who returned from Malaya; and

(*b*) how many of them who returned last year are left unemployed?

A.—(*a*) None.

(*b*) The Government have no information. The labourers have presumably returned to their villages and found employment there.

Mr. M. DEVADASAN :—" May I know whether the Government will take some steps to provide employment in the case of immigrants from Malaya, because I find that they have taken no steps up till now in regard to these persons?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It is not possible for us to do anything."

Mr. M. DEVADASAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that in the case of the immigrants from South Africa they have taken steps to find employment for them?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" They are on a quite different basis."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" With reference to clause (*b*) of the question, the answer given is 'The Government have no information.' May I know whether the Government maintain a register of immigrants returning from foreign countries to this land?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Police

Alleged remissness of duty on the part of the police of Mudukulattur, Ramnad district.

* 693 Q.—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the police of Mudukulattur, Ramnad district, refused to register a complaint of serious assault alleged to have been inflicted on a member of the depressed classes in Veerambal village by certain members of the Thevar community of Elanjamboor and that the sub-assistant surgeon refused to record a 'dying declaration' from the same man; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will take any action against the officers concerned?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) Does not arise.